

MINUTES

UTAH RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGIST, ASSISTANT, AND PRACTICAL TECNICIAN LICENSING BOARD MEETING

November 8, 2012

**Room 210 – 2nd Floor –1:00 p.m.
Heber Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111**

CONVENED: 1:00

ADJOURNED: 1:55

Bureau Manager:

April Ellis

Board Secretary:

Yvonne King

Board Members Present:

Stephen Brown, MD, Acting Chair
Alexis Nieves
Loy Ann Hunt
Ruth Potkins
Judy Nelson
Heather Parker Hatch
Patrick Luers, MD

Board Member Absent

Rex Christensen; Board Chair

Visitors

Dee Quan, Utah Society of Radiologic Technologist

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Introduction of April Ellis

Ms. Ellis, who is now the new Bureau Manager, replacing Mr. Ormond, introduced herself to the Board.

Nominations for Chair

Ms. Hunt seconded by Mr. Nieves made a motion to nominate Mr. Christensen to remain as Chair. The motion carried unanimously.

Welcome Patrick Luers, MD

Ms. Ellis gave the Oath of Office to Dr. Luers as a new Board Member.

Approval of the March 22, 2012 Board Meeting Minutes

Ms. Hatch, seconded by Ms. Potkins, made a motion to approve the March 22, 2012 Board Meeting Minutes as written. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Radiologic Practical Technician;
Scope of Practice for

Ms. Nelson was concerned that ARRT no longer included pelvis or abdomen testing as part of Radiologic Practical Technicians, (RPT) exam. Ms. Nelson stated that when she took the exams years ago, they were included. Ms. Nelson was worried if this is no longer included in the exam for the RPT licensure, is it no longer a part of the scope of practice.

It was noted by the Board, if you are under the supervision of a Physician whose area of practice includes that area then x-rays on the pelvis and abdomen area would be allowed.

The Board also noted to contact ARRT to ask why they have not included abdomen and pelvis area in the RPT exam. Ms. Hatch stated she would take on that responsibility and report back at the next scheduled Board meeting.

This topic was discussed at the previous Board meeting held in March where the Board had discussed the need to have some teeth in licensing regarding physicians who could hire individuals off the street and as long as the individual was directly supervised under the physician, the individual would be able to do all types of x-rays. These matters will be further addressed at our next meeting.

Ms. Nelson also had concerns that there was not enough student hours required with respect to hands on training. It was noted, to make any changes to the education requirement would take a statutory change.

Ms. Quon stated anything that would affect Medicare payments would put teeth in a bill.

Some of the Board members believed there were not enough investigators to investigate illegal practice of radiologic technologists. Ms. Ellis indicated that each complaint is thoroughly investigated but many times the Board will not know about specific investigation. The Board must remain neutral in investigation matters and if not, then the Board member would have to recuse themselves.

Online Survey

Ms. Ellis presented a survey from Division Director Mark Steinagel which provided an option of posting disciplinary documents on DOPL's web-site or through the general internet. The Board believed because of privacy issues, disciplinary documents should only be posted on DOPL's

web-site and not searchable through internet databases.

Dr. Luers, seconded by Ms. Potkins, made a motion to recommend only allowing disciplinary documents to be searched on option (1) DOPL's Web-site. The motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence

ARRT, Sanctions Imposed; Reviewed and e-mailed to Board Members.

ARRT, Content Specification Changes on Exams; Reviewed and e-mailed to Board Members.

The correspondence listed above was reviewed; however the Board had additional questions concerning the correspondence. The correspondence was then e-mailed to each Board member so they could thoroughly review the items.

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

Date Approved

Chairperson, Radiology Technologist Licensing Board

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Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing